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the cancellous interior of the cut humeral surface, wherein the periphery of the humeral head fixation rests on the cortical margins of the humeral surface following the coupling.

Claim 34 (Previously presented): The method of any of Claims 25 or 31, wherein the coupling step includes the step of adhesively coupling the partial humeral head fixation to the humeral surface.

Claim 35 (Original): The method of Claim 34, wherein the adhesive is surgical cement.

Claim 36 (Previously presented): The method of any of Claims 25 or 31, wherein the coupling step includes the step of press-fitting the humeral head fixation to the humeral surface.

Claim 37 (Previously presented): The method of any of Claims 25 or 31, further comprising selecting a shape and size of the periphery of the base of the humeral head fixation from a variety of shapes and sizes for matching the specific shape and size of the anatomic neck of the cut humeral surface.

Claim 38 (Original): The method of any of Claims 25 or 31, further comprising the step of inserting a template punch into the cancellous of the cut humeral surface prior to performing the coupling step.

Claim 39 (Previously presented): The method of Claim 38, wherein the base extension is a total or partial male complement to a female template punch.

Claim 40 (Cancelled)

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